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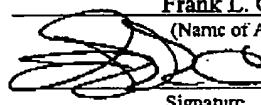
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Docket No. 03500.015887.

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Examiner: C. Larose

Application No.: 09/977,318

Group Art Unit: 2624

Filed: October 16, 2001

Date: July 10, 2006

For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, APPARATUS THEREFOR AND STORING MEDIUM

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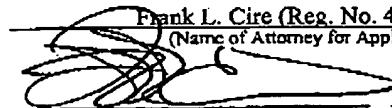
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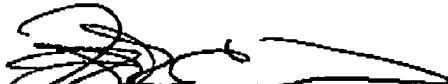
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